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Re: *Application of Entergy Arkansas, Inc. for Authority to enter into certain financing transactions during the years 2000 through 2001.*
Docket No. 99-00719

Dear Mr. Strickland and Mr. Broadwater:

The Authority staff has reviewed the above-referenced application, in which Entergy Arkansas, Inc. ("EAI") seeks Authority approval to issue and sell one or more series of its first Mortgage Bonds, one or more series of its Debentures with combined amounts not to exceed the sum of \$660 million, and to issue Preferred Securities and Subordinated Debentures, Preferred Stock, and Common Stock. Based on Tennessee Attorney General Opinion No. 99-119, the Authority staff finds that because EAI is an electric utility subsidiary of Entergy Corporation, a registered holding company, with multistate operations or certificates of authority, approval of EAI's proposed financing transactions is not required.

Thank you for informing the Authority of this matter. Please address any other questions to Aster Rutibabalira at (615) 741-2904 ext. 155.

Sincerely,

K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary

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